

The Environmental Notice

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Plan Would Void State Ka Iwi Park City, Bishop Propose 1,700 Homes, Resort, Golf Course

City and developer attorneys have produced an "Environmental Impact Report Preparation Notice" that outlines plans for 1,712 new homes, about 20 acres of new commercial and business park development, a 140-room hotel and an 18-hole golf course. These new developments are to be built in 12 projects on lands from Hawaii Kai to Makapu'u Point.

City attorneys claim that this massive change to the East Honolulu Development Plan is *exempt* from the requirement to

prepare an environmental assessment under HRS Chapter 343. Instead, the

project is subject to a review process established by a Federal Court Pre-Trial Settlement Order with Bishop Estate, Kaiser Aluminum and Manalua Associates, Inc. (formerly Hawaii Kai Development Co.). The review and decision-making process in the Settlement Order mimics existing land use laws and regulations.

If approved by the City Council and the Mayor, the agreement would guarantee the developers' right to build these projects for 20 years. In return for the development approvals, the city would receive, in fee, 30 acres along Kalaniana'ole Highway across from Sandy Beach.

The State government has other plans. Where developers propose an eighteen hole championship golf course, the Division of State Parks is planning the Ka Iwi State Park. (See Ka Iwi Park Master Plan Draft EIS in the Oct. 23, 1995 issue of The Environmental Notice.)

The Governor, in his recent State-of-

the-State speech, highlighted Ka Iwi as part of his vision for a "string of pearls," a series of wilderness parks on every island.

Approval of the settlement agreement means the opportunity for a public park on the wild coastline between Sandy Beach and Makapu'u Point could be lost forever.

State law requires that an Environmental Assessment be prepared prior to amending the County development plans. The law provides an exception from environmental review to "County-initiated"

Developers claim project is "exempt" from environmental review laws.

general plan amendments. The developers and the city claim the law does not apply

to this project because the county is "initiating" the plan amendments through a federal court settlement.

The Office of Environmental Quality Control has asked the State Attorney General to opine on whether this project is exempt from State environmental review laws. The office believes that an Environmental Impact Statement should be prepared following the provisions of HRS Chapter 343. The "EIR" prepared by the developers does not conform to the content requirements of the law.

The City's Department of the Corporation Counsel is the proponent of the settlement and its corresponding "Environmental Impact Report." Questions should be directed to that office.

The publication of this article in no way implies that the OEQC is processing the "EIR" as required under HRS Chapter 343 for environmental disclosure documents.



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reviews the environmental impacts of
projects proposed in Hawaii

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- *Guidebook for Hawaii's Environmental Review Process*
- *Environmental Impact Study Resource Library*
- *Environmental Education Database*
- *Environmental Council Annual Reports*
- *Rules and Policies*
- *"How to Plant a Native Hawaiian Garden"*

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Definitions

Your guide to the Environmental Review Process

Draft Environmental Assessment

A project or action that may affect the environment cannot be implemented until an Environmental Assessment (EA) is prepared in accordance with HRS §343. If the lead government agency anticipates that the project will have no significant environmental impact, then a Draft EA is written and public notice is published in this bulletin. The public has 30 days to comment on the Draft EA from the date of the first notice.

Final Environmental Assessment and Negative Declaration

If, after the lead agency reviews the public comments, it feels that the project will have no significant effect on the environment, then it will prepare a Final EA and issue a Negative Declaration. The Final EA must respond to all public comments. An Environmental Impact Statement will not be required and the project may now be implemented. The public has 30 days from the first notice of a Negative Declaration in this Bulletin to sue in court to require the preparation of an EIS.

EIS Prep Notice

If the lead agency decides that a project may have a significant environmental impact, it must prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prior to implementing the project. The first step in preparing an EIS is publishing an EIS Preparation Notice (Prep Notice) in this Bulletin. Agencies, groups or individuals have 30 days from the first publication of an EIS Prep Notice to request to become a consulted party and to make written comments regarding the environmental effects of the proposed action. The draft EIS must respond to these comments.

Draft EIS

If a project is likely to have a significant environmental impact, the lead agency or private applicant must prepare a

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) prior to project implementation. This document must completely disclose the likely impacts of a project. Secondary and cumulative impacts must be discussed along with measures proposed to mitigate them. The public has 45 days from the first publication date in this Bulletin to comment on a Draft EIS.

Final EIS

After considering public comments filed during the Draft EIS stage, the agency or applicant must prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS). The Final EIS must respond to all comments from the draft stage. If deeper analysis was required, it must be included in this document. If the project is from a private applicant, the lead agency is authorized to accept the FEIS. If the project is public, the Governor or Mayor is the accepting authority. Only after the EIS is accepted, may the project be implemented.

EIS Acceptance Notice

If the accepting authority accepts a Final Environmental Impact Statement, a separate EIS Acceptance Notice will be published in this Bulletin. The public has 60 days from the date of first notice of acceptance to sue in court to challenge the acceptance of an EIS.

NEPA

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is the law that requires federal projects to prepare an EIS. It is similar to Hawaii's law. Some projects require both a state and federal EIS and the public comment procedure should be coordinated. Although not required by law, the OEQC publishes NEPA notices in this Bulletin to help keep the public informed of important actions.

Special Management Area Permits

The Special Management Area (SMA) is along the coastlines of all our islands. Most development in this area requires a Special Management Permit (SMP). The Counties regulate development

of this area. On Oahu, the County law requires an EA be prepared to accompany a permit application. This Bulletin posts notice of these SMP applications to encourage public input.

Shoreline Certifications

State law requires that Hawaii shorelines be surveyed and certified when necessary to clearly establish the regulatory building setback (usually 40 feet inland from the shoreline). The public may participate in the process to help assure accurate regulatory boundaries. Private land owners often petition to have their shoreline certified prior to construction. This Bulletin publishes notice of both shoreline certification applications and of final certifications or rejections.

Environmental Council

The Environmental Council is a fifteen-member citizen board appointed by the Governor to advise the State on environmental concerns. The council makes the rules that govern the Environmental Impact Statement process. The agendas of their regular meetings are published in this Bulletin and the public is invited to attend.

Exemption Lists

Government agencies must keep a list describing the minor activities they regularly perform that are declared exempt from the environmental review process. These lists are reviewed and approved by the Environmental Council. This Bulletin will publish an agency's draft exemption list for public comment prior to Council decision making.

Conservation District Permits

Use of land in the State Conservation District requires a Conservation District Use Application (CDUA). These applications are reviewed and approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). Members of the public may intervene in the permit process. Notice of these permit applications is published in this Bulletin.

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Draft Environmental Assessment

(1) Kahawainui Stream Flood Control Repair Project

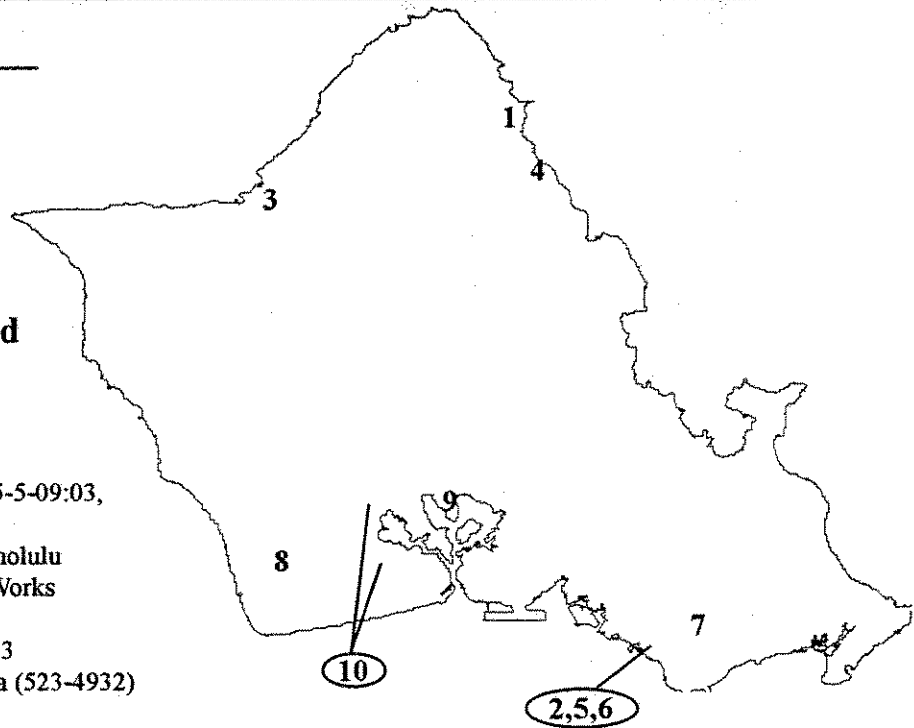
District: Koolauloa
TMK: 5-5-05:22; 5-5-08:61; 5-5-09:03, 07, 23
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Public Works
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Tyler Sugihara (523-4932)

Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Public Works
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Tyler Sugihara (523-4932)
Consultant: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Building 230
Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440
Contact: Jim Pennaz (438-8599)

Public Comment
Deadline: March 11, 1996
Status: DEA First Notice, pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Public Works and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers propose to repair and modify portions of the Kahawainui Flood Control Project which were damaged in March 1991. The proposed project will restore the damaged levee and floodwall areas, modify the side slope of the stream bank, and armor the damaged areas with Articulated Block Mat (ABM) to prevent future damages to the project. The project is expected to cost \$738,000 and will be funded by the City and County of Honolulu and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Comments may also be submitted by February 12, 1996 to:
District Engineer (CEPOD-ET-PP)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Building 230
Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440



Final Environmental Assessments/Negative Declarations

(2) Continental Surf Hotel PCS Transmitter/Receiver Facility

District: Honolulu
TMK: 2-6-24:16
Applicant: Western PCS II Corporation
99-860 Iwaena Street
Aiea, Hawaii 96701
Contact: Jeff Dale (487-0061)

Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu, Department of Land Utilization
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Dana Teramoto (523-4648)

Consultant: Analytical Planning Consultants, Inc.
84 North King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Donald Clegg (536-5695)

Public Challenge

Deadline: March 11, 1996
Status: FEA/Negative Declaration issued, project may proceed.

The applicant, Western PCS II Corporation, proposes to install nine antenna panels and two equipment cabinets atop the Continental Surf Hotel. The panels are 5 feet long by 6 inches wide by 2 inches thick and will extend above the existing penthouse roof line by approximately 3 feet. The cabinets are 5 feet high by 5 feet wide by 18 inches deep.

The subject property is zoned Apartment Precinct. The proposed PCS transmitter/receiver facility is classified as a Utility Installation, Type B, under the City's Land Use Ordinance (LUO). Utility Installations, Type B, are not permitted on the above-zoned property. Therefore, a use variance is required for the proposal. A use variance is for a type of use which is not otherwise permitted in the zoning district.

(3) Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements

District: Waialua
TMK: 6-6-09: 25 and 26
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Public Works
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Laverne Higa (527-6246)

Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Public Works
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Laverne Higa (527-6246)

Consultant: Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc.
1907 South Beretania Street, Suite 400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826
Contact: Scott Kunioka (946-2277)

Public Challenge

Deadline: March 11, 1996
Status: FEA/Negative Declaration issued, project may proceed.

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Public Works proposes to construct drainage improvements to relieve localized flooding conditions along a 100-foot section of Kamehameha Highway in Haleiwa Town on the North Shore of Oahu. From the highway, a trench drain will extend to the west along the southern boundary of two residential properties, and then discharge storm runoff into a marshy area behind the residences. The western end of the project falls within the Special Management Area. The project will be funded by the City and County of Honolulu.

(4) Stender Residence Alterations

District: Koolauloa
TMK: 5-3-13:28
Applicant: Mr. O.K. Stender
P.O. Box 3466
Honolulu, Hawaii 96801

Accepting Authority: City & County of Honolulu
Department of Land Utilization
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Joan Takano (527-5038)

Consultant: Robert A. Lazo, A.I.A.
60 North Kuakini Street, Suite 3-C
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Robert Lazo (754-2216)

Public Challenge

Deadline: March 11, 1996
Status: FEA/Negative Declaration issued, project may proceed.

The 6,878-square foot, rectangular, residential lot in Hauula is currently developed with an approximately 1,060-square foot, two-story single-family dwelling. The residence is located entirely within the 40-foot shoreline setback.

The applicant seeks approval for alterations to the dwelling which include the following:

- after-the-fact enclosure of an existing exterior stair way;
- second-story lanai expansion (adding 305 square feet);
- new exterior stairway;
- roof extension; and
- concrete stoop at shoreline (approximately 13.5 sq. ft.)

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The applicant also seeks after-the-fact approval for a wood fence on the left side of the property.

All the structures being requested are located within the 40-foot shoreline setback and require a shoreline setback variance.

(5) Waikiki Shore Apartments PCS Transmitter/Receiver Facility and Accessories

District: Honolulu
TMK: 2-6-04:12
Applicant: Western PCS II Corporation
99-860 Iwaena Street
Aiea, Hawaii 96701
Contact: Jeff Dale (487-0061)

Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu, Department of Land Utilization
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Dana Teramoto (523-4648)

Consultant: Analytical Planning Consultants, Inc.
84 North King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Donald Clegg (536-5695)

Public Challenge
Deadline: March 11, 1996
Status: FEA/Negative Declaration issued, project may proceed.

The applicant, Western PCS II Corporation, proposes to install nine antenna panels and two equipment cabinets atop the Waikiki Shore Apartments. The panels will extend not more than four feet above the existing penthouse roof line.

The subject property is zoned Resort Hotel Precinct. The proposed PCS transmitter/receiver facility is classified as a Utility Installation, Type B, under the City's Land Use Ordinance (LUO). Utility Installations, Type B, are not permitted on the above-zoned property. Therefore, a use variance is required for the proposal. A use variance is for a type of use which is not otherwise permitted in the zoning district.

(6) Wailana at Waikiki Hotel Telecommunication Site

District: Honolulu
TMK: 2-6-12:02
Applicant: Western PCS II Corporation
330 120th Avenue NE, Suite 200
Bellview, Washington 98005

Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Land Utilization
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Joan Takano (527-5038)

Consultant: Analytical Planning Consultants, Inc.
84 North King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Donald Clegg (536-5695)

Public Challenge
Deadline: March 11, 1996
Status: FEA/Negative Declaration issued, project may proceed.

The applicant proposes to construct two equipment cabinets and install nine cellular phone antennae on the roof of the existing 300-foot high Wailana at Waikiki Hotel (1860 Ala Moana). The 5-foot high x 5-foot wide x 1.5-foot deep equipment cabinets will be mounted next to the cooling structure walls, and will not be visible from street level. The 2-inch x 6-inch x 5-foot high antennae will be surface-mounted on the structure surrounding the cooling fan on the roof, and will not extend above the existing cooling structure roof line. The cabinets and antennae will be painted the same color as the hotel.

The project is considered a utility installation which is not a principal permitted use in the Waikiki Special District and requires a zoning variance. The applicant is also requesting an exemption from a Waikiki Special District Permit.

EIS Preparation Notices

(7) Kamoku-Pukele 138-kV Transmission Line Project

District: Honolulu
TMK: 3-4-10:3, 9, 19; 3-4-20:1, 3; 2-9-25:1, 10, 15; 2-9-50:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Applicant: Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 2750
Honolulu, Hawaii 96840-0001
Contact: Kerstan Wong (543-7059)

Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Sam Lemmo (587-0435)

Consultant: CH2M Hill
1585 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1420
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4530
Contact: Mark Willey (943-1133)

Public Comment
Deadline: February 22, 1996
Status: EISPN Second Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority, consultant, and OEQC.

The Hawaiian Electric Company is proposing to construct a single circuit 138-kV alternating current (AC) transmission line between the Kamoku Substation, located on Date Street in the Moiliili area, and the Pukele Substation, located in the mauka portion of Palolo Valley. The transmission line is the eastern portion of a new 138-kV transmission system which connects Pukele to the Archer Substation via the Kewalo and Kamoku Substations. Currently, the Pukele Substation is connected to the power grid only through the Koolau Substation on the Windward side of the island. The Pukele Substation services approximately 19 percent of Oahu's power demand.

Approximately 1.2 miles of this proposed line will consist of an overhead line through Conservation District

land along Waahila Ridge. Use within the Conservation District would involve deenergizing the two existing 46 kV lines, their temporary removal, and the installation of new tubular-steel poles to accommodate both the single 138-kV line and the two existing 46 kV lines. Construction of the 138-kV line within the Conservation District will rely primarily on manual labor and the use of helicopters. Existing access within the area is limited to a small road through the Waahila State Recreational Area and various hiking trails.

The route and design of the transmission line between the Kamoku Substation and the overhead line within the Conservation District has not yet been determined. Several alternative routes and designs through the Urban District are being considered. Alternative designs include an all-overhead transmission line and an all-underground transmission line to a transition station to an overhead line at Dole Street. Some of the alternative routes include, but are not limited to, following Date Street, University Avenue, and Dole Street; following Date Street, Kapiolani Boulevard, Frank Street, and Dole Street; or following Date, the Manoa-Palolo Drainage Canal, and Dole Street. An all-underground route from Kamoku to Pukele is also being evaluated. This line would travel along Kapiolani Boulevard, Waialae Avenue, and Palolo Avenue through Palolo Valley. Final route and design selection will be determined through the participation of a Community Advisory Committee and public involvement in the environmental impact statement process.

The Kamoku-Pukele 138-kV Transmission Line is needed for three reasons:

1. To increase system reliability by establishing an alternate transmission line corridor to East Oahu.
2. To provide additional transmission capacity in East Oahu to accommodate projected load growth.
3. To prevent projected overloads of the existing circuits.

Construction of the Kamoku-Pukele 138-kV Transmission Line is anticipated to last approximately 14 months, from March 1998 to May 1999. Operation of the Kamoku-Pukele 138-kV transmission line is scheduled for Summer of 1999. A public scoping meeting will be held in January to solicit community comments. Notification of the time and place for this meeting will be sent to persons on the project mailing list and will be announced in both the Honolulu Advertiser and the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

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(8) East Kapolei Project

District: Ewa
TMK: 9-1-17:por. 4; 9-1-18:por. 1; 9-2-04:por. 5; 9-2-02:por. 1; and 9-1-10:por. 2
Applicant: Schuler Homes, Inc.
828 Fort Street Mall, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Michael Angotti (521-5661)

Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Planning Department
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Lynn Wong (523-4485)

Consultant: Helber Hastert & Fee, Planners
733 Bishop Street, Suite 2590
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Leslie Kurisaki (545-2055)

Public Comment
Deadline: March 8, 1996
Status: DEIS Second Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

The applicant, Schuler Homes, Inc., is seeking an amendment to the City and County of Honolulu's Ewa Development Plan Land Use Map for the proposed East Kapolei project. The amendment request proposes the redesignation of approximately 742 acres from Agriculture to Low Density Apartment, Parks and Recreation, Public and Quasi-Public and Commercial. In addition, proposed text changes to the Ewa Development Plan Special Provisions are being requested.

The East Kapolei "project area" is located in the Ewa-Kapolei area south of the H-1 Freeway and west of Fort Weaver Road, adjacent to the proposed North-South Road corridor. The site is bisected by Farrington Highway. The project area also includes offsite reservoir and drainage detention sites.

The project will provide approximately 8,000 residential units to be developed over a 16-year period. Approximately 30 percent of the new homes will be affordable to families earning below 120 percent of the median income.

In addition to residential uses, the preliminary concept plan also includes two elementary school sites, a portion of an intermediate school site; two neighborhood parks, a community park, a greenbelt network and neighborhood-serving commercial shopping areas.

(9) Manana and Pearl City Junction Development

District: Ewa
TMK: 9-7-24:06 por.; 9-7-24:41; 9-7-23:01
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Housing and Community Development
650 South King Street, 5th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Ray Sakai (527-5321)

Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Planning Department
650 South King Street, 8th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Cheryl Soon (523-4711)

Consultant: PKF Hawaii
1100 Alakea Street, Suite 2100
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Robin Yoshimura (521-1021)

Public Comment
Deadline: March 26, 1996
Status: DEIS First Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

The project area consists of two parcels totaling approximately 109 acres of land mauka of Kamehameha Highway in the vicinity of Waimano Home Road/Kamehameha Highway intersection and a makai parcel owned by the City known as "Pearl City Junction" is approximately 14 acres. The project sites are surrounded by well-established residential and commercial urban areas with a high level of existing services. Commercial uses are primarily retail and service oriented.

The mauka site is flat to gently sloping with the exception of a small portion to the south side adjacent to Acacia Road. For the most part, views from the site are primarily toward Pearl Harbor. The mauka parcel of approximately 109 acres is zoned F-1, Military and Federal, and is currently developed with 38 military warehouses and 10 open storage areas. The Pearl City Junction parcel makai of Kamehameha Highway is also zoned F-1 and used for warehousing by the Navy and City. All warehouses range in size from 20,000 to 50,000 square feet, however, their use was largely discontinued during the past ten years.

To establish a viable mechanism to incorporate citizen involvement into the planning process for Manana, the "Pearl City Task Force" (PCTF) was organized by City Council Resolution 94-327. The PCTF and various community groups met over an 8-month period developing the plan which evolved to provide opportunities for commercial retail and office employment, medical facilities, public and quasi-public facilities, and recreational areas. As a community based plan, negative social impacts often associated with new development will be mitigated.

The land use concept includes a mix of commercial retail and office uses, public service facilities, open spaces with recreational improvements, all within walking distance of one another and from residential areas adjoining the property. No residential development is planned. In support of the development, infrastructure facilities to be expanded or improved include access and circulation roadways; bike routes and pedestrian paths, drainage system and water and wastewater systems.

Final Environmental Impact Statements



(10) Ewa Development Projects - Off-site Water System

District: Ewa
TMK: 9-1-01, 05, 07, 10, 12, 17 to 21, 25 & 28; 9-4-02; 9-4-137

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Housing and Community Development
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Gail Kaito (527-5780)


Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu, Planning Department
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Cheryl Soon (523-4713)

Consultant: Environmental Communications
P.O. Box 536
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809
Contact: Fred Rodriguez (528-4661)

Status: Currently being reviewed by the City and County of Honolulu, Planning Department

The proposed project is a planned Source Well, Storage Reservoir, and Transmission system to be located approximately 4.5 acres (northwest) of Interstate H-1 Highway. The existing water supply, sources, storage, and distribution system are inadequate to serve the proposed projects of the DHCD and the BWS projected future service areas. The planned projects are for the DHCD planned projects and the BWS future service areas to the year 2015.

Clean Air Permit



(11) BHP Petroleum Americas Refining, Inc.

Pursuant to the Hawaii Revised Statutes 342B, the Department of Health, State of Hawaii, is requesting public comments on the following DRAFT PERMITS presently under review and consideration:

1. Modification of Permit to Operate (PTO)
No. P-1149-1614
Application No. 0212-07
BHP Petroleum Americas Refining, Inc.
Existing 75 MMBTU/Hr. Visbreaker Heater
Loacted at: 91-325 Komohana Street, Campbell Industrial Park, Kapolei, Oahu

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2. Covered Source Permit (CSP) No. 0212-08-C
BHP Petroleum Americas Refining, Inc.
Internal Floating Roof for Existing Petroleum
Storage Tank No. 109
Located at: 91-325 Komohana Street, Campbell
Industrial Park, Kapolei, Oahu

The **ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD**, consisting of the **APPLICATIONS** and all data submitted by the applicants for the covered source permits and the **DRAFT PERMITS**, are available for public inspection at the following offices:

Permits for all islands:

Clean Air Branch, Department of Health
919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 203
Honolulu, Oahu
Office hours: Monday through Friday
7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

All comments upon or objections to the draft permits must be transmitted or delivered, in writing, by February 19, 1996 to the Deputy Director for Environmental Health, Department of Health, 1250 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Requests for the above information can be mailed to the Environmental Management Division, Attn: Clean Air Branch, Department of Health, 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Third Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814. Telephone requests can be made by calling Mr. Darin Lum at the Clean Air Branch in Honolulu at (808) 586-4200.

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Draft Environmental Assessments

(1) Hana Village Marketplace

District: Hana
TMK: 1-4-04:37
Applicant: County of Maui, Office of Economic Development
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Robert Johnson (243-7710)

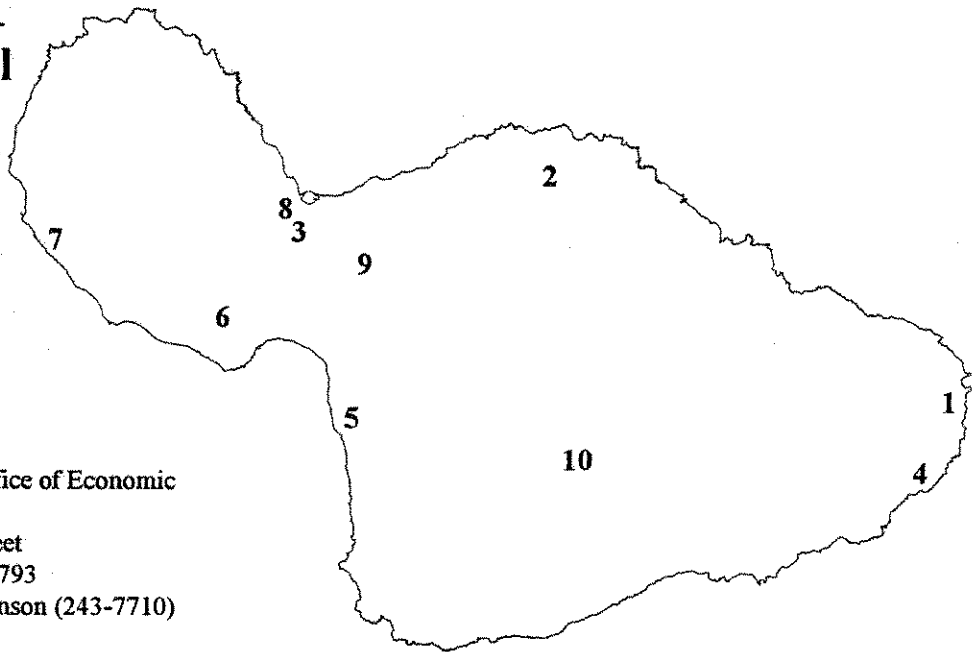
Accepting Authority: County of Maui, Office of Economic Development
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Robert Johnson (243-7710)

Public Comment

Deadline: February 22, 1996
Status: DEA Second Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority and OEQC.

The Hana Village Marketplace is proposed to be developed in the Hana District in East Maui. The land is zoned B-2, and is located on the makai side of the highway which places it in the Special Management Area zone. The makai boundary of the parcel is approximately 1400 feet from the shoreline. The west property boundary along the highway is 150 feet wide and runs 330.5 feet deep on the north side and 325 feet deep on the south side. The makai (east) boundary is 150 feet wide and abuts the Hotel Hana Maui's Sea Ranch Cottages and Recreation complex. The property slopes gradually from the highway level thirty feet in height to the makai boundary.

The project is designed to provide appropriate commercial retail and office space for resident-owned small businesses. Priority will be given to Hana District residents who wish to establish new small businesses or to relocate existing small businesses. The structure are to be kiosk-type individual and cluster unit structures to give a "village" appearance to the project. A thirty-six stall parking lot, which includes two



handicapped parking stalls and a loading zone for deliveries, will be located adjacent to the highway.

The project will be terraced to maintain the natural slope of the site and preserve the shoreline view from the highway. The project will not affect shoreline access and recreational use of the shoreline, and will not require zoning or land use changes under the Hana Community Plan. The subject parcel contains no archeological or historical sites and it is not considered to be an environmentally sensitive area. Since no significant adverse impacts on the community or environment are expected, a negative declaration is anticipated.

(2) Kaupakalua Bridge Replacement

District: Makawao
TMK: 2-1-13:8
Applicant: County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Wastewater Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Cary Yamashita (243-7745)

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Accepting

Authority: County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Wastewater Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Cary Yamashita (243-7745)

Consultant: Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc.
1907 South Beretania Street, Suite 400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826
Contact: Earl Matsukawa (946-2277)

Public Comment

Deadline: February 22, 1996

Status: DEA Second Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The Kaupakalua Bridge replacement is proposed in conjunction with the County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Wastewater Management (DPWWM), program to modify or replace functionally or structurally deficient bridges to achieve current standards for roadway widths and load capacities.

The Kaupakalua Bridge is located on Peahi Road approximately three-fourths of a mile north of the project. The original structure was constructed in 1911, although various components have been replaced since then. With a posted weight limit of six tons, the existing bridge structure measures 15 feet wide by 34-1/2 feet long.

Measuring approximately 35 feet wide by 44 feet long, the proposed replacement bridge will cross Kaupakalua Stream approximately 150 feet downstream of the existing bridge. The new bridge will be constructed of a cast-in-place concrete deck supported by five pre-cast, prestressed concrete girders, cast-in-place concrete abutments and spread footings.

The replacement bridge will accommodate two lanes of traffic (one in each direction), designed in compliance with the American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

The construction period is anticipated to span approximately nine months, and will be accomplished in two phases.

(3) Lower Main-Mill Street Intersection Improvements

District: Wailuku
TMK: 3-4-39:por. 51, por. 82
Applicant: County of Maui
Department of Public Works and Waste Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Charles Jencks (243-7845)

Accepting Authority:

County of Maui
Department of Public Works and Waste Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Charles Jencks (243-7845)

Consultant: Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc.
1823 Wells Street, Suite 3
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Milton Arakawa (244-2015)

Public Comment

Deadline: March 11, 1996

Status: DEA First Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The proposed project consists of a new traffic signal, additional laneage improvements, and curb, gutter, and sidewalk improvements at the Lower Main-Mill Street intersection in Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii.

The traffic signal would replace the existing stop control. The Mill Street approach will be realigned to as close to 90 degrees as possible in order to improve sight distance.

The westbound approach on Lower Main Street involves a lengthening of the separate right turn lane. A through lane and a two-way center left turn lane are also proposed. The east bound approach on Lower Main Street would have a left turn lane, a through lane, and a right turn lane. Past the intersection, the right turn lane merges with the through lane. On the Mill Street approach, separate right-turn and left-turn lanes are retained.

New pavement is proposed on the eastern boundary of Lower Main Street. Curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements, as well as wheel chair ramps and driveways to abutting properties, are proposed.

(4) Papahawahawa Bridge Replacement

District: Hana
TMK: 1-5-06:01 (portion) and 1-5-07:01 (portion)
Applicant: County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Wastewater Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Cary Yamashita (243-7745)

Accepting Authority: County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Wastewater Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Cary Yamashita (243-7745)

Consultant: Wilson Okamoto & Associates, Inc.
1907 South Beretania Street, Suite 400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826
Contact: Earl Matsukawa (946-2277)

Public Comment

Deadline: February 22, 1996
Status: DEA Second Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The Papahawahawa Bridge replacement is proposed in conjunction with the County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Wastewater Management (DPWWM), program to modify or replace functionally or structurally deficient bridges to achieve current standards for roadway widths and load capacities.

The Papahawahawa Bridge is located on Piilani Highway approximately 4 miles southwest of Hana Town, within Tax Map Keys 1-5-06:01 and 1-5-07:01. The one-lane bridge was built in 1915 and measures 16 feet wide by 41 feet long, and has a posted weight limit of five tons. Currently, the bridge does not meet minimum strength requirements to accommodate requirements for standard highway truck loads, or two lanes of traffic. The bridge is constructed of concrete and is supported by concrete rubble masonry (CRM) abutments and a single concrete center.

The proposed replacement bridge measures approximately 35 feet wide by 40 feet long, and will cross Papahawahawa Gulch makai of and adjacent to the existing bridge. The new bridge will be comprised of a cast-in-place and precast concrete. A new mechanically stabilized (MSE) earth retaining wall will also be constructed to support the grade difference along the downstream side of the approach embankments. The replacement bridge will accommodate two lanes of traffic (one in each direction), designed in compliance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

The construction period is anticipated to span approximately nine months, and will be accomplished in two phases.

(5) South Kihei Road Improvements, Phase III

District: Kihei
TMK:
Applicant: County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Waste Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Charles Jencks (243-7845)

Accepting Authority: County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Waste Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Charles Jencks (243-7845)

Consultant: Maui Interstate Realty, Inc.
270 Waiehu Beach Road, Suite 214
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Richard Takase (244-7070)

Public Comment

Deadline: February 22, 1996
Status: DEA Second Notice, pending public comment. Please address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The applicant is proposing approximately 2,600 lineal feet of roadway improvements to South Kihei Road, from Lipoa Street to Welakahao Road, in accordance with the Baseline plans prepared by Austin Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc. The proposed improvements to South Kihei Road include:

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- Increasing the existing road right-of-way from 56 feet to 60-70 feet;
- Construction of a 40-50 feet A.C. pavement section with curbs, gutters, and sidewalks on both sides of the street. This improved road section will be limited to two (2) 12 foot lanes but will allow four (4) lanes in the future;
- Construction of left and right turn lanes at the intersection of South Kihei Road and Lipoa Street;
- Construction of left turn lanes at the intersections of South Kihei Road with Waiohuli Street and Kapu Place;
- Construction of a roadway drainage system along the entire length of roadway improvements; and
- Installation of box culvert crossing at the offsite drain location for Kihei School, near Kapu Place (currently State reservoir).

In addition, the pavement section along South Kihei Road will be striped to allow parking along the mauka (east) side of South Kihei Road and bike paths on both sides of the street.

The proposed roadway improvements to South Kihei Road will improve traffic circulation and enhance accessibility and reduce congestion. In addition, the project will enhance the function of South Kihei Road as a major through service route for the region.

The proposed project will involve earthwork and roadway construction activities. In the short term, these activities may generate nuisances normally associated with construction. Such short term impacts to surrounding property owners will be minimized by the establishment of the construction management plan.

From a long-term perspective, the proposed roadway improvements are not anticipated to result in adverse environmental impacts. The proposed project is not anticipated to have a significant adverse impact upon the adjacent wetland areas nor upon any known significant habitats of rare, endangered or threatened species of flora and fauna. The project is not anticipated to have an effect on significant archaeological or historical sites.

The project will not have an impact on employment opportunities, nor will it have an impact upon local population levels. Public service needs such as police, medical facilities and schools will not be adversely impacted by the project. Impacts upon water, wastewater, drainage, and other infrastructure systems are not considered significant.

(6) Zond Pacific Installation of Wind Energy Monitoring Equipment

District: Lahaina and Wailuku
TMK: 3-6-01:por. 14 and 4-8-01:por. 08
Applicant: Zond Pacific, Inc.
485 Waiale Road
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Keith Avery (244-9389)

Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Lauren Tanaka (587-0385)

Public Comment

Deadline: February 22, 1996
Status: DEA Second Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority and OEQC.

The proposed project will involve the installation of six (6) temporary wind resource monitoring stations within a 450-acre area of the subject parcels to determine the viability of a twenty (20) MW wind energy farm.

At each site will be placed one 90'-140' tubed tower 4-6 inches in diameter. The tower will be built from 10' interconnecting pipes with stabilizing guy cables placed in four (4) cardinal directions and will sit on top of a two (2) ft. square metal base plate that rests on top of the ground.

In addition, four (4) twist in anchor rods will support the monitoring tower. Each anchor will be 3' long and approximately 65' from the base. The monitoring equipment will consist of a small tower-mounted solar charged micro-processor housed in a waterproof case, an anemometer and weather vane.

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(7) Panaewa Street Demolition of Existing Structures

District: Lahaina
TMK: 4-6-9:46
Applicant: Koyama Enterprises, Inc.
2119 Main Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Lee Ohigashi (244-7614)

Accepting Authority: County of Maui, Planning Department
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Daren Suzuki (243-7735)

Consultant: Wayne Arakaki (242-5868)
P.O. Box 884
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Public Challenge
Deadline: March 11, 1996
Status: FEA/Negative Declaration issued, project may proceed.

The owners are proposing to demolish and remove old dilapidated structures on the property. The property will then be turned into a parking lot. The largest structure on the site is a single family dwelling. The structures are not occupied or utilized due to its deteriorated condition.

The proposed project is located on the northeastern corner of Luakini Street and Panaewa Street in Lahaina.

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(8) Wailuku Children's Mental Health Facility

District: Wailuku
TMK: 3-8-7:1 (por. North); 3-8-7:1 (por. South); 3-8-38:57

Applicant: Department of Accounting and General Services
P.O. Box 119
Honolulu, Hawaii 96810
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0483)

Accepting Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, Fourth Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Consultant: Paul S. Osumi, Jr., AIA, Inc.
700 Bishop Street, Suite 1918
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Neil Peralta (528-3500)

Public Comment
Deadline: February 22, 1996
Status: EISPN Second Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority and the consultant.

The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) proposes to construct a new children's mental health facility in the Wailuku-Kahului area to serve the entire County of Maui, which includes Molokai and Lanai. The new 8,500 square foot building would provide a permanent mental health facility for the existing DOH Child and Adolescent Mental Health Facility currently located in a commercial building on Hana Highway in Kahului, Maui. The leased space is too small and the crowded conditions of the Center do not provide optimal conditions that would be available in a building designed specifically for child and adolescent mental health care.

Based on criteria established by the DOH, the site selection study identified twenty-three (23) potential sites within the service area. Subsequently, based on the minimum site criteria, the site selection study reduced the twenty-three

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(23) potential sites to three (3) candidate sites. Site A (TMK: 3-8-7:1 por. North) is located makai of Kanaloa Avenue (site of Maui Family YMCA). Site B (TMK: 3-8-7:1 por. South) is located makai of Kanaloa Avenue across the Maui War Memorial Center (site of Central Maui Youth Center facility). Site C (TMK: 3-8-38:57) is located on Mahalani across Maui Memorial Hospital (site of old Detention Home).

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(9) Central Maui Expansion of Sanitary Landfill Project

District: Wailuku
TMK: 3-8-03:4
Applicant: County of Maui
Office of the Mayor
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Charles Jencks (243-7845)

Accepting Authority: County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Waste Management
Solid Waste Division
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Charles Jencks (243-7845)

Consultant: Masa Fujioka & Associates
99-1205 Halawa Valley Street, Suite 302
Aiea, Hawaii 96701-3281
Contact: Jennifer Kleveno (484-5366)

Public Comment
Deadline: March 8, 1996
Status: DEIS Second Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The County of Maui has determined that the existing Central Maui Sanitary Landfill is reaching its capacity and that an additional solid waste disposal site is needed. Instead of searching for a new landfill location, the County proposes to expand the existing Central Maui Sanitary Landfill. The proposed project includes Phases IV, V and VI. Phases IV and V are currently being used by a quarry operation and Phases

VI is currently occupied by sugar cane but is scheduled for quarry operations in the future. Expanding the landfill into areas where the quarry operation is completed eliminates the need for large-scale excavation, and is a good use of quarried areas.

This site is centrally located with respect to the major population centers of Maui, yet it is also in a rural, agricultural district. This combination of a central yet rural location and compatible physical characteristics makes the site operationally and environmentally well-suited for the expansion of the landfill.

The project will have both beneficial and adverse environmental impacts. The primary beneficial impacts are the continuation of a centrally located landfill site that will eliminate the difficulties of locating a new site, and the accommodation of the County's solid waste disposal needs through at least the year 2016. The landfill will also protect the public health by preventing the existing landfills from exceeding their design capacity.

Potential adverse impacts include contamination of groundwater and surface water resources and windblown litter, and effects on traffic, noise, air quality, historic and archeological features, scenic resources, and flora and fauna. Impacts to these resources and mitigation measures to eliminate or minimize adverse impacts are thoroughly discussed in the draft EIS. Overall assessment of the impacts indicates that the benefits of the project significantly surpass the adverse impacts.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

(10) Haleakala Remote Transmitter Receiver Site Low Density Radio Communications Link Upgrade (Draft Environmental Assessment)

Applicant: Federal Aviation Administration
Western Pacific Region
P.O. Box 92007
Los Angeles, California 90009

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Consultant: CAL INC
2040 Peabody Road
Vacaville, California 95687

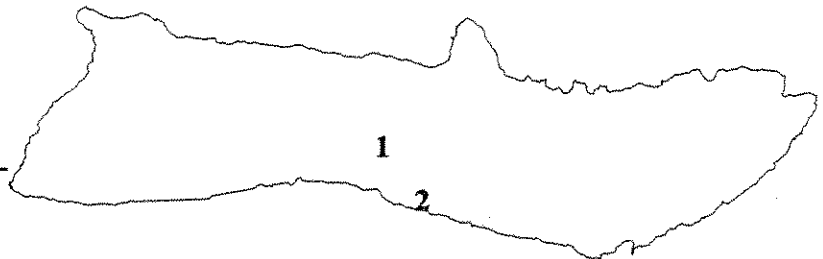
Public Comment

Deadline: February 15, 1996

The Federal Aviation Administration is conducting an Environmental Assessment for the installation of low density radio communications link (LDRCL) equipment at the above referenced facility. The proposed action will include installing two wall mounted microwave dishes, and the installation of one microwave dish approximately 60 feet north of the existing building. The dish installed north of the building will be constructed on a concrete inclined mat foundation.

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(1) Kalamaula Residence Lots, Unit 1

District: Molokai
TMK: 5-2-08: por. 39, 53, 91, 92, 93, 94, por. 95, por. 114; 5-2-09: por. 01, 15, por. 23 & 28; 5-2-10: por. 1
Applicant: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Michael Crozier (586-3818)
Accepting Authority: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Michael Crozier (586-3818)
Consultant: R.M. Towill Corporation
420 Waiakamilo Road, #411
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Colette Sakoda (842-1133)

Public Challenge

Deadline: March 11, 1996
Status: FEA/Negative Declaration issued, project may proceed.

The State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) proposes to develop approximately 133 acres in Kalamaula on the island of Molokai for homestead lots. The project is an integral part of a development plan for the entire District of Kalamaula. The residential component of the Kalamaula Development Plan will consist of 124 homestead lots each averaging one acre in size. Upon completion of required infrastructure, homestead lots will be distributed to qualified beneficiaries of native Hawaiian ancestry.

DHHL will improve existing facilities and provide new roadways, drainage facilities, potable water storage and transmission systems. Sewage disposal will consist of a combination of a transmission system and cesspools as may

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be permitted by the State Department of Health. The development of basic support infrastructure will be integrated, to the greatest practical extent, with the agricultural and commercial/industrial components proposed for Kalamaula.

Impacts expected will be short-term and construction related. Construction activities will proceed in accordance with existing State and County regulations to ensure protection of public health and safety. Once construction of support infrastructure is completed, there will be no affect on air and noise quality, wildlife, and residents of the area.

Long term gains resulting from development of the proposed project include provision of more house and farm lots for Hawaiian beneficiaries.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

(2) Molokai Ranch - Wetlands Project

The applicant proposes to enhance 2.6 acres of adjacent wetlands located east of Kaunakakai drainage channel as mitigation for the unauthorized grading and proposed filling of a 1.3-acre isolated wetland in Kaunakakai town. The purpose of the proposed 1.3-acre wetland fill is a planned commercial development. The purpose of the mitigation is to enhance a 2.6-acre degraded wetland to provide seasonal and permanent waterbird habitat. Both wetland areas are similar--currently degraded, Batis maritima mudflats on kealia silty clay loam soils.

Further information may be obtained from Ms. Terrell Kelley, Regulatory Section, Honolulu District, Building T-1, Room 107, Fort Shafter, telephone (808) 438-9258, extension 13.

Send comments by February 18, 1996 to District Engineer (PODET-PO), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Building 230, Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440.

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(1) Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden

District: South Hilo
TMK: 2-7-10:2, 6, & 10; 2-7-10:22
Applicant: Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden
101 Aupuni Street, Suite 1014A
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Sandra Pechter Schutte (969-7331)

Accepting Authority: County of Hawaii
Planning Department for Planning Commission
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Consultant: Virginia Goldstein (961-8288)
Sandra Pechter Schutte (969-7331)
101 Aupuni Street, Suite 1014A
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

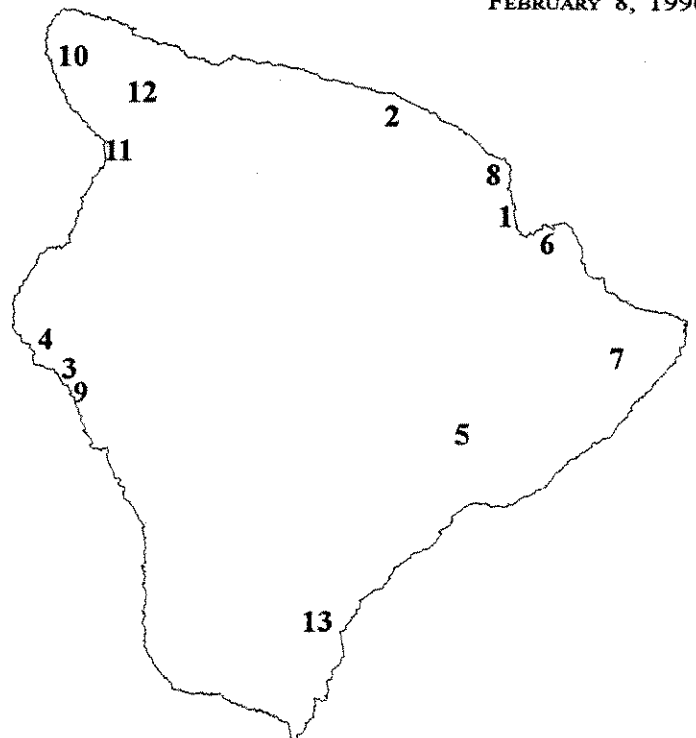
Public Comment

Deadline: March 11, 1996
Status: DEA First Notice, pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority, the consultant, and OEQC.

The applicant proposes a Master Plan to be established to make certain immediate and future improvements to the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden which covers approximately 38.5 acres. The proposed improvements are within the State Land Use Conservation District, with portions of the improvements in the Special Management Area (SMA).

Immediate improvements include the following:

1. A new garden entrance along the Old Mamalahoa Highway, with wrought iron locked gate, fencing and bulletin boards, covered rain shelter, utility shed and related improvements.
2. Construction of two new wooden walkways at the entrance and at the Vista trail.
3. A covered rain shelter at the bottom of the new entrance trail and at the Vista lookout.
4. Four covered rest shelters located at various points.



5. Two parking areas to be established for employees.
6. No trespassing signs to be located at various points in the Garden.
7. Informational and directional signs.
8. Landscaping.

Future Master Plan improvements include:

Fencing, landscaping, a gated wooden suspension bridge, three research greenhouses, an additional restroom facility, a pedestrian overpass, and no trespassing and directional signs.

(2) HELCO Relocation of Electrical Distribution Lines in Laupahoehoe Point

District: North Hilo
TMK: 3-6-2:11
Applicant: Hawaii Electric Light Company
P.O. Box 1027
Hilo, Hawaii 96721-1027
Contact: Mark Gushiken (961-8321)

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Accepting

Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Cathy Tilton (587-0377)

Consultant: Dr. Grant Gerrish (962-6957)
P.O. Box 282
Laupahoehoe, Hawaii 96764

Public Comment

Deadline: February 22, 1996
Status: DEA Second Notice, pending public comments. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority, consultant and OEQC.

The applicant proposes to remove approximately 660 feet of existing distribution line, including four poles. This service will be replaced by installing 345 feet of new line, including four new poles, and modifying an additional 350 feet of existing line. The new poles and line will all be located within an existing county right-of-way. Additionally, the poles within the private property will be removed.

The distribution lines will provide power to the homes and public facilities in Laupahoehoe Valley. Additionally, realignment of the lines and poles will result in increased reliable service to the Laupahoehoe Point area and a reduction in maintenance costs. The project is located on the Old Government Road, the Old Government Main Road, Laupahoehoe Point Road, and a private, residential parcel.

(3) Holualoa and Horseshoe Bend Drainage Way Improvement Project

District: North Kona
TMK: 7-6-24-25 & 77 and 7-6-21-16 through 19
Applicant: County of Hawaii
Department of Public Works
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Accepting Authority: County of Hawaii
Department of Public Works
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Consultant: Project Planners Hawaii
76-117 Kamehamalu Street
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740
Contact: Gregg Kashiwa (329-9724)

Public Comment

Deadline: March 11, 1996
Status: DEA First Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The County of Hawaii through the Department of Public Works proposes to build a portion of the drainage improvements as set forth in the North Kona Flood Control Plan located and being in Holualoa, North Kona, Hawaii. The proposed improvements will consist of concrete lined drainage channels that are fenced on both sides. They are designed to accept flood waters and the confluence of the Holualoa and Horseshoe Bend streams at a 100 year flood. Approximately 4,000 feet of lined channels are proposed. These improvements are further described in a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Government, dated March 24, 1995, to Mayor Stephen Yamashiro of the County of Hawaii.

The proposed project will begin at its makai end at the Kupuna Street bridge which connects Kilohana Subdivision to Kalani Makai and Alii Kai Subdivisions. It will move mauka under both Kuakini and Queen Kaahumanu Highways up to the abandoned railroad right-of-way which lies at approximately the 800 foot elevation point. The improvements will be constructed on lands owned by the County of Hawaii and Gamrex, Inc. All costs for the proposed project will be paid by Gamrex, Inc. as a condition of its rezoning ordinance.

(4) Queen Kaahumanu Highway Widening

District: North Kona
TMK: Not Applicable - Highway Right-of-Way
Applicant: Department of Transportation
600 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 304
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Ronald Tsuzuki (587-1830)

Accepting Authority: Department of Transportation
600 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 304
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Ronald Tsuzuki (587-1830)

Consultant: R.M. Towill Corporation
420 Waiakamilo Road, Suite 411
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Chester Koga (842-1133)

Public Comment

Deadline: March 18, 1996
Status: DEA First Notice, pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The Department of Transportation, Highways Division, is proposing the widening of the Queen Kaahumanu Highway (SR 19) from its current 2-lanes to 4-lanes to meet current demand and fulfill future demand upon the highway infrastructure of the North Kona region of the island of Hawaii. The proposed widening will entail the construction of two additional travel lanes and the creation of a median, dividing the two travelways. In addition to accommodating vehicular traffic, the widening will provide improved shoulders for bicyclists. The construction of the improvements are scheduled to start during the summer of 1998. The approximate costs of this project is \$42.9 million. Approximately 80 percent of the costs will be borne by the Federal government.

Opened in 1970, the Queen Kaahumanu Highway is the main State highway serving this area and is surrounded by commercial, agriculture, resort, and residential land uses. The rapid growth in the area has resulted in a significant increase of vehicular traffic using the highway. This study evaluates alternative means of meeting this increase in traffic volume between Keahole Airport and Kailua to the year 2010.

The project limits are between Keahole Airport and Henry Street in Kailua. Along this approximately 7 miles of highway, the following intersections will be impacted: Palani Road, Kaiwi Road, Makalapua Boulevard, Honokohau Harbor, Kaloko industrial area, Kaiminani Road, and the Keahole Access Road.

A major impact of this project is the acquisition of additional right-of-way for the highway widening. The highway right-of-way between Palani Road and the Honokohau Harbor access will be increased from its current 80-150 feet to a constant 300 feet to conform with the remaining highway right-of-way. The widening will not entail the dislocation of any residences or businesses. Approximately 500 feet of the Mamalahoa Trail located within the highway right-of-way will be removed.

(5) Volcano Art Center Direct Lease of State Land

District: Puna
TMK: 1-9-05:09
Applicant: Volcano Art Center
P.O. Box 104
Hawaii National Park, Hawaii 96718
Contact: Michael Moore (967-8222)

Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 936
Hilo, Hawaii 96721-0936
Contact: Sam Lee (933-4245)

Consultant: Menezes Tsukazaki Yeh & Moore
100 Pauahi Street, Suite 204
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Michael Moore (961-0055)

Public Comment

Deadline: March 11, 1996
Status: DEA First Notice, pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

The Volcano Art Center (VAC) is a non-profit educational organization that sponsors and promotes activities in visual, literary and performing arts. Due to Federal government restrictions VAC is unable to secure a long-term lease at their present location within the Kilauea Military Camp premises. The subject parcel was chosen as a relocation site for a long-term lease.

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(6) Hilo Harbor Improvements and Access Road

District: South Hilo
TMK: 2-1-09:7

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Applicant: Department of Transportation, Harbors
Division
79 Nimitz Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Carter Luke (587-1959)

Accepting Authority: Department of Transportation, Harbors
Division
79 Nimitz Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Carter Luke (587-1959)

Consultant: Brian T. Nishimura (935-7692)
101 Aupuni Street, #217
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Public Challenge

Deadline: March 11, 1996

Status: FEA/Negative Declaration issued, project may proceed.

The State Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, is implementing improvements recommended in the "2010 Master Plan for Hilo Harbor". As part of this plan, a second harbor access road is being proposed as well as improvements on Kalaniana'ole Avenue to accommodate the new intersection. The proposed road intersects the northerly right of way on Kalaniana'ole Avenue approximately 1,000 feet east of the existing Kuhio Street access road and about 200 feet west of the Kauhane Avenue intersection with Kalaniana'ole Avenue.

An existing 70 foot wide right of way under the jurisdiction of the Harbors Division will be utilized for the access road. The right of way is sandwiched between parcels owned by the Honolulu Gas Company, Ltd. and the Brewer Chemical Corporation. Turning radius specifications will require the acquisition of two slivers of property on both corners of the new entry road. Approximately 550 square feet will be acquired from C. Brewer Properties and approximately 250 square feet will be acquired from the Honolulu Gas Company, Ltd.

The access road will have two 12 foot wide lanes entering the harbor and one 18 foot wide lane exiting the harbor. The road improvements will extend a distance of 598 feet into the harbor property. Other improvements proposed include a drywell, intake inlet, a guard rail and gravel shoulders. The improvements on Kalaniana'ole Avenue will be limited within a total length of approximately 650 feet. The design concept includes a separate turning lane for approaches on Kalaniana'ole Avenue from the west on to the access road. The improvements will involve a tapered

widening of the pavement on Kalaniana'ole Avenue to accommodate the turning lane and painted medians. The estimated cost of the proposed project is approximately \$941,000.

(7) Pahoia Swimming Pool

District: Puna
TMK: 1-5-001:003 (por.) and 1-5-002:018 (por.)
Applicant: County of Hawaii, Department of Parks and Recreation
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Glen Miyao (961-8311)

Accepting Authority: Mayor, County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Norman Oleson (961-8565)

Consultant: Ron Terry (982-5831)
HCR 9575
Keaau, Hawaii 96749

Public Challenge

Deadline: March 11, 1996

Status: FEA/Negative Declaration issued, project may proceed.

The project is to build a 50-meter pool and related facilities for the school children and general public of Lower Puna. Pahoia High School is the only public high school in the County of Hawaii without convenient access to a swimming pool. Nearly 2,400 K-12 students at nearby schools would have access to the pool. In addition, the pool would have scheduled public swimming and other water activities. The pool facility would complement recreational activities available at the Pahoia Neighborhood Facility and Ballfield. The estimated cost for the pool and related improvements is approximately \$3,000,000, with funding from General Obligation Bonds.

The 3.0 acre project site is currently vacant land behind the existing recreational center. No damage to native flora, fauna or ecosystems would result, and the area contains no historic sites determined significant by the State Historic Preservation Division.

Notice of the availability of the Draft EA was published in the December 8, 1995 edition of the Environmental Notice.

(8) Pepeekeo Volunteer Fire Station

District: South Hilo
TMK: 2-8-07:69
Applicant: County of Hawaii, Fire Department
466 Kinoole Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Lloyd Narimatsu (961-8373)

Accepting Authority: County of Hawaii, Fire Department
466 Kinoole Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Lloyd Narimatsu (961-8373)

Consultant: Brian T. Nishimura Planning Consultant
101 Aupuni Street, #217
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Brian Nishimura (935-7692)

Public Challenge
Deadline: March 11 1996
Status: FEA/Negative Declaration issued, project may proceed.

The Hawaii County Fire Department has been granted federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to purchase materials and construct a volunteer fire station in the community of Pepeekeo, Hawaii. A one acre site, currently owned by C. Brewer Homes is being donated to the County of Hawaii for the Pepeekeo Volunteer Fire Station. The property is situated within the Kulaimano Subdivision, Pepeekeo, Hawaii.

Access to the subject property is provided by Kumula Street which has a fifty (50) foot wide right-of-way and a thirty-two (32) foot wide pavement with curbs, gutters and sidewalk improvements. Kumula Street is situated approximately 150 feet west of the Hawaii Belt Road (State Highway 19). The Pepeekeo fire station site is situated approximately 11 miles northwest of the Central Fire Station in Hilo and approximately 14 miles southeast of the Laupahoehoe Fire Station.

The building will be a single story wood frame structure with a cement slab base having an area of approximately 1,800 square feet (40' x 45'). The station will have one apparatus bay, a bathroom facility, a training room and a storage area. The station will not be an overnight facility for

volunteer personnel, however, it could be utilized as an Emergency Center during disasters. Construction of the station will be done by the volunteer fire personnel, families, friends and community volunteers.

The building will be used to secure and house a new fire truck and other fire fighting apparatus. Monthly training sessions will also be held for the volunteers in the building. This volunteer station will cover a five mile service radius with nineteen qualified volunteer firefighters providing a response within the national standard of ten minutes from the sounding of the alarm.

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(9) Keolonahihi State Historical Park

District: North Kona
TMK: 7-7-4:12, 51 and 52
Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of State Parks
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809
Contact: Ralston Nagata (587-0290)

Accepting Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Consultant: Ron Terry & Roy Takemoto
HCR 1 Box 9575
Keaau, Hawaii 96749
Contact: Ron Terry (982-5831)

Status: Currently being reviewed by the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

The State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, has proposed a State Historical Park for three adjacent parcels of State land at Kamoia Point in Kona, containing 12.05 acres.

A Draft Management Plan, which was the culmination of several years of consultation between State Parks and the community, serves as the basic park plan. The site has great historical significance among other reasons because of its use

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by at least five generations of highest ranking ali'i in the Hawaii Island dynastic line. A unique feature of the site is its association with several generations of chiefesses.

Archaeological sites include house sites, heiau, bathing ponds, a possible sports or games area, and many other features.

Facility development is planned to be minimal, consisting of the following:

- A 1600 square foot interpretive center
- Several viewing platforms
- Self-contained restroom units
- A 15,000 square foot parking lot

Facilities will be developed only on areas that have already been significantly disturbed by 20th century activities such as bulldozing.

Planned activities include landscaping, stabilization, restoration (with limited reconstruction), and interpretation activities. The site will also support native Hawaiian cultural activities and events.

The EIS assesses on-site and off-site impacts to aquatic biology, cultural resources, native flora, traffic and other areas. The EIS also addresses several specific alternatives to the proposed plan. Notice of the availability of the Draft EIS was given in the May 23, 1995 OEQC Bulletin.

(10) Kohala Water Transmission System

District: North and South Kohala
TMK: 5-2-05 & 06; 5-3-03 & 04; 5-4-03; 5-5-02; 5-6-01; 5-9-03; 6-1-01; 6-2-01; 6-8-01
Applicant: County of Hawaii, Department of Water Supply
22 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Quirino Antonio (969-1421)

Accepting Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, Suite 400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Consultant: Megumi Kon, Inc.
22 Kapaa Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Megumi Kon (935-4364)
Status: Currently being reviewed by the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

The proposed project would recover 20 mgd of potable basal ground water from the Hawi-Makapala section of North Kohala and transmit it to the South Kohala coastal area. The project would also upgrade the existing North Kohala county water systems to all ground water supply. The Department of Water Supply plans to construct the project in two phases of 10 mgd capacity each. Phase I would include six supply wells at three sites, a pumped water transmission pipeline running mainly on Pratt Road, interconnection of the proposed improvements with the existing County water systems, and two-3 mg collection reservoirs in North Kohala. Also included in Phase I would be a 36-inch diameter gravity-flow transmission pipeline located within the existing Akoni Pule, Kawaihae, and Queen Kaahumanu highways. The pipeline would run from the collection reservoirs to a 1-MG pressure-breaker reservoir in Makiloa, then to three 1-MG terminal reservoirs in Kawaihae, Kaunaoa, and Lalamilo in South Kohala. If utility company power is not ready, temporary on-site diesel-driven generators would be used at the three Phase I sites to power the supply well pumps. They will be used until utility company power becomes available. Phase II would consist of six wells at four sites and one-6 mg collection reservoir in North Kohala, and one-1 MG terminal reservoir in Lalamilo.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

(11) Puukohola Heiau National Historic Site Removal and Installation of Power Lines and Poles (Draft Environmental Assessment)

District: South Kohala
Applicant: Daniel Kawaiaea, Jr.
Puukohola Heiau National Historic Site
P.O. Box 4963
Kawaihae, Hawaii 96743

Public Comment

Deadline: March 11, 1996
Status: NEPA/DEA First Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to OEQC.

Puukohola Heiau National Historic Site (PUHE) is a Hawaiian cultural park which contains major temple sites and associated archaeological features related to Kamehameha the Great.

An obvious concern identified by NPS and documented early on in various management plans were the negative impacts posed by the existence of the Samuel Spencer County Beach park road which dissected the two major heiau (Hawaiian temples) in the area. In addition to the road, were the utilities (power, telephone, and water) which also occupied the road corridor to supply the county park and the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, both located south of PUHE.

In June 1990, the Queen Emma Foundation donated an additional 26.5 acres of land which allowed the NPS to proceed with the installation of an alternate access road to Spencer County Beach Park.

NPS is currently proposing to: 1) install new overhead electrical power lines along the new road corridor, and 2) remove the existing poles and lines from the old road. NPS is also addressing options for the possible relocation of the water lines in the near future.

(12) Kohala NEXRAD (Finding of No Significant Impact/Record of Decision)

NEXRAD is the Next Generation Weather Radar system being developed jointly by the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Defense, and Transportation. The NEXRAD system will consist of approximately 150 radar units distributed across the United States. Approximately 14 radars to be located outside the continental United States will be funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The proposed FAA NEXRAD system to serve the Kohala, Hawaii, area will consist of a radar tower facility with associated automated data reduction equipment. The "Kahua Ranch Site" (the FAA designation for this facility) is

located on top of Puu Waiakanonoula on Kahua Ranch. Data from the NEXRAD will be sent to the Combined Center/Radar Approach Control facility located in Diamond Head crater on the island of Oahu.

The FAA NEXRAD tower will consist of a 98.4-ft. tall steel lattice structure with a 33.5 x 33.5-ft. concrete pad base that supports a 34.8-ft. tall, 38.7-ft. diameter spherical radome and a 2-ft. lightning rod. The height of the total structure, including the lightning rod, will be 135 ft. above ground level. An electrical equipment shelter containing automated data reduction equipment and a standby generator shelter with two 227-gal. built-in aboveground diesel fuel storage tanks will be located at the base of the tower. In addition, a separate 1,000 to 2,000 gallon aboveground fuel storage tank may be installed on the site to extend the operation time for remote backup power generator usage.

Please send any comments by February 26, 1996 to Ms. Patricia L. Burns, NEXRAD Project Leader, SRI International, 333 Ravenswood Avenue, Menlo Park, California 94025.

(13) South Hawaii NEXRAD (Finding of No Significant Impact)

NEXRAD is the Next Generation Weather Radar system being developed jointly by the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Defense, and Transportation. The NEXRAD system will consist of approximately 150 radar units distributed across the United States. Approximately 14 radars to be located outside of the continental United States will be funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The proposed FAA NEXRAD system to serve the South Hawaii, Hawaii, area will consist of a radar tower facility with associated automated data reduction equipment. The "Ka'u Agribusiness Radio Facility Site" is the FAA designation for this facility. Data from the NEXRAD will be sent to the Combined Center/Radar Approach Control (CERAP) facility located in Diamond Head Crater on the island of Oahu.

The FAA NEXRAD tower will consist of a 65.6-ft. tall steel lattice structure with a 29 x 29-ft. concrete base that supports a 34.8-ft. tall, 39-ft. diameter spherical radome and a 2-ft. lightning rod. The height of the total structure,

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including the lightning rod, will be 102 ft. above ground level (AGL). An electrical equipment shelter containing automated data reduction equipment and a standby generator shelter housing a 125-kW diesel generator and two 227-gal. built-in aboveground diesel fuel storage tanks will be located at the base of the tower. In addition, a 500 to 2,000 gallon tank may be installed on the site.

Please send any comments by February 25, 1996 to Ms. Patricia L. Burns, NEXRAD Project Leader, SRI International, 333 Ravenswood Avenue, Menlo Park, California 94025.

Draft Environmental Assessments

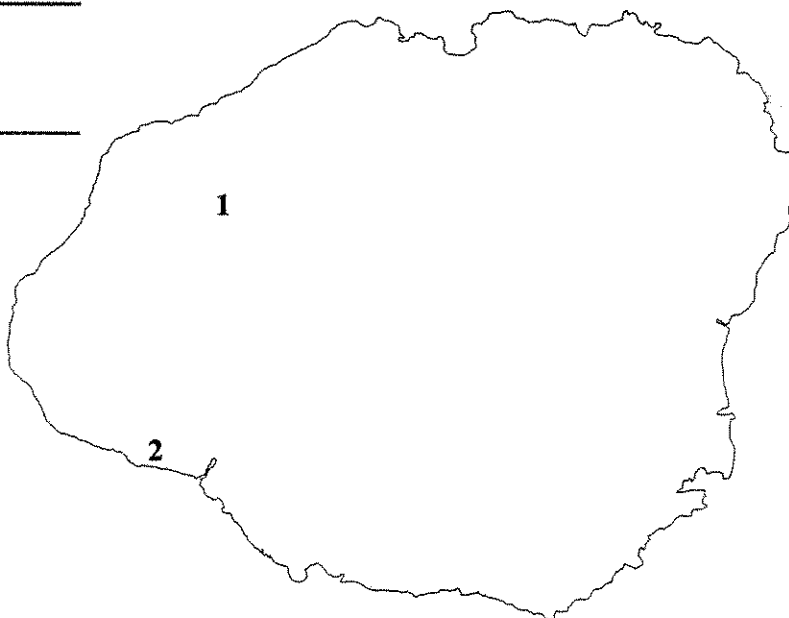
(1) Kokee Field Station and Mid-Elevation Nursery

District: Waimea
TMK: 1-4-01
Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife
3060 Eiwa Street, Room 306
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Edwin Petteys (241-3433)

Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Public Comment
Deadline: March 11, 1996
Status: DEA First Notice, pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority and OEQC.

The Kauai District of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife has management responsibilities over thousands of acres of forest reserves, natural areas, and game management areas in the uplands of western and northern Kauai. The District's operational capabilities are often inefficient due to the lack of support facilities in the area. The District feels that having a facility in the area would greatly facilitate several key program areas, and is planning a field station and mid-elevation plant nursery. The facility would address our outplanting and plant sanctuary programs by the establishment of a mid-elevation plant nursery. Our field operations would have storage for tools, equipment, and wildfire fighting material, as well as eventual lodging. Our increasing volunteer program would be able to offer a centralized location, as well as lodging.



At the present there is no other mid-elevation nursery facility on the island, and this is a widely recognized need. Having the facility will greatly increase field operations efficiency, as travel times and response times will be lessened. There will be cost savings as well. Volunteers will enjoy similar benefits.

Plans are to take a phased approach to establish a field station and mid-elevation threatened and endangered plant nursery at Pohakuwaawaa, within Kokee State Park. A 1.5 acre site has been selected at 4,080 feet elevation within Kokee State Park. It is conveyed through an assignment of a memorandum of understanding by the Division of State Parks to the Division of Forestry and Wildlife. The proposed site is situated next to Kokee State Park's main access road at a previously used U.S. Army World War II communications facility. The parcel has long been abandoned and overgrown with weed, shrubs and grasses. A 1,000 square foot, one-story concrete building remains, that has repairable walls and roof. With renovations, the building could be put into serviceable condition as a water catchment as well as for secure storage, staff use, and sanitary facilities.

The nursery portion of the site would be used to propagate and harden plant species for eventual outplanting in sites and sanctuaries nearby.

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(2) Waimea Theater Rehabilitation Project

District: Lihue
TMK: 1-6-09:08
Applicant: County of Kauai, Office of Economic
Development
4280 B Rice Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Gerald Dela Cruz (241-6390)

**Accepting
Authority:** County of Kauai Housing Agency
4493 Hardy Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Gary Mackler (241-6865)

Public Comment

Deadline: March 11, 1996
Status: DEA First Notice, pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with
copies to the accepting authority and
OEQC.

The County of Kauai proposes to acquire a 16,146 sq. ft. commercial property and building improvements thereon, zoned general commercial, for the purpose of rehabilitating the Waimea Theater. The purpose of the commercial rehabilitation is to provide stimulus for economic revitalization in the Waimea area, to restore a landmark building, and to provide a meeting and gathering place for the community and visitors. The renovation will follow building guidelines necessary to keep the historic character of the Theater and Waimea town commercial core. The project will utilize \$455,000 in Community Development Block Funds for acquisition.

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Shoreline Certification Applications

Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Telephone: 587-0414

Pursuant to Section 13-222-12, Hawaii Administrative Rules entitled "Shoreline Certification," the following shoreline certification applications are available for inspection.

Date: February 8, 1996 Number: 96-003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION: Application available for inspection at District Land Offices on the islands of Kauai, Hawaii and Maui and at Room 220, Kalanimoku Building, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Oahu.

All comments to the application for shoreline certification shall be submitted in writing to the State Land Surveyor, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 210, Honolulu, Oahu and postmarked no later than fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of the public notice of the application.

Location: Lot 315 of Ld Ct App 242 (Map 190), Puuloa, Ewa, Oahu (91-603 Pohakupuna Road)
Applicant: ControPoint Surveying, Inc.
For Robert U. Mitsuyasu Company
Tax Map Key: 9-1-18:40
Date Received: 1/23/96

Location: Lot B, Por. of Grant 4938 to B.R. Banning, Keaalau, Kaneohe, Kooloapoko, Oahu (44-002 Nokokai Place)
Applicant: ParEn, Inc., dba Park Engineering
For Thomas H. Gentry Trust
Tax Map Key: 4-4-37:21
Date Received: 1/23/96

Location: Lots 1, 2, 4-A, 4-B, & 4-C, Por. of Lot 4, Portlock Road Subdiv. file plan, 1361, Maunaloa, Honolulu, Oahu (505, 525, 535, 565 Portlock Road)

Applicant: Sam O. Hirota, Inc.
For Kamehameha Schools Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate
Tax Map Key: 3-9-26:5, 44, 45, 47, & 48
Date Received: 1/19/96

Location: Being a portion of Royal Patent Grant 548 to J.Y. Kanehoa situated at paeehu, Honuaula, Maui (3070 South Kihei Road)

Applicant: Newcomer-Lee Land Surveyors, Inc.
For Bruce James
Tax Map Key: 2-2-10:02
Date Received: 1/25/96

Shoreline Certifications and Rejections

Pursuant to Section 13-222-26, Hawaii Administrative Rules entitled "Shoreline Certification," the following shorelines have been certified.

A person may appeal a shoreline certification or rejection thereof to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, Oahu, by requesting in writing a contested case hearing no later than twenty (20) calendar days from the date of public notice of shoreline certification or rejection.

Location: Lot 3 of Ld. Ct. App. 726 as shown on Map 4, at Punaluu-Makai, Kaneohe, Kooloapoko, Oahu
Applicant: R.M. Towill, Corporation
For Keen Jun Enterprises
Tax Map Key: 4-5-05:1(Por)
Date Certified: 01/29/96

Location: Por. of RP 7523, LCA 4452, apana 4 to H. Kalama at Anaehoomalu, South Kohala, Hawaii
Applicant: Wes Thomas Associates
For John W. Hoffee
Tax Map Key: 6-9-07:15
Date Certified: 01/29/96

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Forestry and Wildlife Draft Exemption List

The following is the Draft Comprehensive Exemption List for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii. Please review this list and send your comments by March 11, 1996 to:

Kenneth Fukunaga, Chair
Environmental Council
200 South King Street, Suite 400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

NOTE: This is a complete revision of (1) the comprehensive exemption list for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife approved by the Environmental Council (Docket 93-EX-01) on December 15, 1993 and (2) the exemption list for the Division of Fish and Game approved by the Environmental Quality Commission on January 19, 1976. This revision has been necessitated by the consolidation of the forestry and wildlife programs of the Department of Land and Natural Resources into a single Division and the addition of the Na Ala Hele Trails and Access, Natural Area Reserve, Forest Stewardship and Natural Area Partnership Programs to the responsibilities of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife.

EXEMPTION CLASS # 1: Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing facilities, equipment or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.

(1) Trail maintenance on DOFAW Program areas, using hand tools and small motorized equipment such as chain saws and weed eaters; involves clearing spaces 4 feet wide and 10 feet high from grade on existing trails. (DOFAW Program Areas include forest and natural area reserves, game management and wilderness areas, plant and wildlife sanctuaries, Na Ala Hele, forest stewardship and natural area partnership projects.)

(2) Repair and maintenance of existing roads (paved, unpaved, dirt, cinder and gravel), concrete fords, cattle guards, gates and wash-out ditches in DOFAW program areas; involves grading, patching, and resurfacing roads; removing encroaching vegetation; and cleaning or repairing ditches, fords and culverts by hand.

(3) Repair and maintenance of existing DOFAW program area fences; includes boundary, enclosure, and exclosure fences, wildlife water units, checking stations, water pumps, nesting areas, aviaries and yards.

(4) Repair and maintenance of existing signs in DOFAW program areas; includes fire prevention, instructional, regulatory, enforcement, safety, boundary, location, and toxicant or plant and animal control signs.

(5) Repair and maintenance of existing cabins, resident workers' quarters, warehouse workshops, mobile camping structures, weather stations, checking stations (single room structures with porches or small boxes on legs) for hunters, hikers, and campers; meat safes, viewing kiosks and platforms, wildlife observation towers, sanitary facilities, trail shelters, equipment shelters, fire equipment caches, plant nurseries, captive propagation facility buildings, established arboretum areas, baseyards and biological survey transect lines.

(6) Repair and maintenance of existing covered and open fences areas for endangered species (waterfowl, waterbirds, forest birds), game birds and mammals (pheasants, quail, partridges, pigs, sheep, goats, deer); auxiliary buildings for food storage, equipment storage, incubators and brooders; open-top breeding and release pens, field aviaries and hacking boxes.

(7) Repair and maintenance of existing water tanks, pipelines, water catchment basins (capacity of 300-10,000 gallons), wildlife water units, pumps and controls, pipes and channels; fences, dikes and moats in waterbird sanctuaries for the purposes of maintaining water levels, providing water and precluding predators.

(8) Weed, brush and noxious tree control using hand tools, small motorized equipment (chainsaws and weed eaters) and approved herbicides on DOFAW program areas, campsites, picnic grounds, viewpoints, baseyards, wildlife water units, trails, captive propagation facilities, arboreta, plant nurseries, checking stations, and public use facilities.

(9) Pruning, trimming, and thinning of commercial timber under the direction of a professional forester.

(10) Gathering minor forest products for non-commercial purposes.

(11) Gathering plant seed for propagation, commercial and non-commercial.

(12) Cultivating, fertilizing, mowing, and harvesting wildlife food plots.

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(13) Routine operation, repair and maintenance of existing DOFAW program facilities, arboreta, baseyards and captive propagation facilities.

(14) Maintenance of previously established game habitat improvement sites and lawn areas with mechanized equipment.

EXEMPTION CLASS # 2: Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures facilities where the new structure will be located generally on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity, height, and dimensions as the structure being replaced.

(1) Replacement of existing signs in DOFAW program areas; includes fire prevention, instructional, regulatory, enforcement, safety, boundary, location, and toxicant or plant and animal control signs.

(2) Repair and maintenance of existing cabins, resident workers' quarters, warehouse workshops, mobile camping structures, weather stations, checking stations (single room structures with porches or small boxes on legs) for hunters, hikers, and campers; meat safes, viewing kiosks and platforms, wildlife observation towers, sanitary facilities, trail shelters, equipment shelters, fire equipment caches, established arboretum areas, plant nursery operations, and captive propagation facility buildings.

(3) Replacement of covered or open fenced areas for endangered species (waterfowl, waterbirds, forest birds), game birds and mammals (pheasants, quail, partridges, pigs, sheep, goats, deer, etc.); auxiliary buildings for food storage, equipment storage, incubators and brooders; open-top breeding and release pens, field aviaries and hacking boxes.

(4) Replacement of existing water tanks, pipelines, water catchment basins (capacity 300-10,000 gallons), wildlife water units, pumps and controls, pipes and channels; fences, dikes and moats in waterbird sanctuaries for purposes of maintaining water levels, providing water and precluding predators.

(5) Replacement of existing roads (paved, unpaved, dirt, cinder and gravel), concrete fords, cattle guards, gates, wash-out ditches and biological survey transect lines in DOFAW program areas.

(6) Re-vegetate burned areas with seeds of existing plant species to discourage undesirable succession of weeds and prevent soil erosion.

EXEMPTION CLASS # 3: Construction and location of single, new, small facilities or structures and the alteration and modification of same and installation of new, small equipment and facilities and the alteration and modification of same including but not limited to: (a) single family residences not in conjunction with the building of two or more such units; (b) multi-unit structures designed for not more than four dwelling units if not in conjunction with the building of two or more structures; (c) stores, offices and restaurants designed for total occupant load of twenty persons or less, if not in conjunction with the building of two or more such structures; and (d) water, sewage, electrical, gas, telephone, and other essential public utility services extensions to serve such structures or facilities; and accessory or appurtenant structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools and fences.

(1) Fences to include areas no greater than 10 acres around individual or small colonies of rare, threatened or endangered plants, covered and open areas for endangered species (waterfowl, waterbirds, forest birds), game birds and mammals (pheasants, quail, partridges, pigs, sheep, goats, deer); auxiliary buildings for food storage, equipment storage, incubators and brooders; open-top breeding and release pens, field aviaries and hacking boxes.

(2) Cabins, resident workers' quarters, warehouse workshops, mobile camping structures, weather stations, checking stations (single room structures with porches or small boxes on legs) for hunters, hikers, and campers; meat safes, viewing kiosks and platforms, wildlife viewing towers, sanitary facilities, trail shelters, equipment shelters, fire equipment caches, arboreta, and plant nurseries.

(3) Fencing to include areas no greater than one acre for ecosystem management research.

EXEMPTION CLASS # 4: Minor alteration in the conditions of land, water, or vegetation.

(1) Establishment of helispots for fire control and rescue.

(2) Clearing of fuel breaks on grass and brush on DOFAW program areas necessary to protect enclosures, exclosures, facilities, and colonies of rare threatened and endangered plants or animals where a thorough biological survey has determined that the species will not be adversely impacted by such clearing. The definition of a fuel break is the reduction of ground fuel without significant modification of the soil.

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(3) Minor alterations to existing wildlife or plant sanctuaries, including construction of pumps and controls, pipes and channels, and dikes and moats for the purposes of maintaining water levels, providing constant water supplies, and precluding predators. Also includes minor alterations to biological transects, camp sites, fertilizing and mowing, maintaining new pastures, weed control, outplanting native plants, plant transplantation, clearing mist net lines and trap sites.

(4) Construction of reservoirs to collect runoff and redistribute water for irrigation.

(5) Controlled burning of vegetation less than five (5) acres in size to improve wildlife habitat where non-native vegetation constitutes greater than 50% of the area.

(6) Mowing non-native vegetation where dense, mature stands form impenetrable cover.

EXEMPTION CLASS # 5: Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

(1) Implanting transponders and affixing transmitters and/or markers (bands, collars, ear tags) to birds and mammals to record movement, longevity; taking disease and blood samples; placing remote monitoring devices (to determine animal movement), cameras, equipment and feeders; removal of non-native avian competitors, predator control (including placement of approved toxic baits, kill traps, live traps, snares) and using approved herbicides.

(2) Game and non-game wildlife surveys, inventory studies, new transect lines, photographing, recording, sampling, collection and captive propagation (involves walking, driving, and flying in the field (helicopters, light aircraft), use of nets and firearms, temporary traps including snares, mist nets, corral traps, drop door traps or leg hold traps.

(3) Releases and recoveries of wildlife. On approved releases of game and non-game wildlife (after EA or EIS preparation and acceptance), actual release of animals and follow-up surveys, translocation within the range, or rearing in captivity and releasing to the wild.

(4) Captive propagation of birds or mammals. Housing, care, feeding, veterinarian examination, breeding (pairing, hatching, brooding, fledgling, rearing), cross fostering, double clutching nests, experimental studies of native species (including those which are rare, threatened, or endangered), game birds and game mammals; may involve hybridization of game birds or mammals.

(5) Wildlife management actions including predator control, insect control, snail control, non-native bird control, grazing or burning as a management tool and use of toxicants or herbicides. All use of chemicals follow label instructions or restrictions.

EXEMPTION CLASS # 6: Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.

(1) Fencing around minor facilities such as game water units, checking stations, animal pens, water pumps, aviaries, fire caches, and plant enclosures.

(2) Driveways.

(3) Exterior lights in already developed areas for security and safety purposes.

(4) Water tanks with less than 10,000-gallon capacity.

(5) Water catchments, lines, and faucets adjacent to hunter checking stations for "domestic", public use or game water units.

Environmental Council Notices

FEBRUARY 8, 1996

Meeting - Committee on Administrative Rules, Environmental Council, State of Hawaii

The Environmental Council's Committee on Administrative Rules will be meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 1996, at 3:00 P.M. in the Office of Environmental Quality Control Library, to discuss proposed revisions to the draft Chapter 200, Title 11, Hawaii Administrative Rules, in light of public comment. Please call OEQC on or after February 8, 1996 for confirmation of meeting date, time, place and agenda.

Meeting of the Full Environmental Council

The full Environmental Council will be meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 1996, at 4:30 P.M. in the Office of Environmental Quality Control Library. The Council's Committee on Administrative Rules will be meeting earlier (see above) at 3:00 P.M. Please call OEQC on or after February 8, 1996, for confirmation of meeting date, time, place and agenda.

Public Notice: Environmental Council Mailing List

To further increase public involvement and to implement the provisions of Section 92-7(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Environmental Council requests that persons interested in receiving notification of its meetings call 586-4185 to be placed on a meeting notification mailing list. Requests to be placed on the mailing list may also be sent to:

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Coastal Zone Area News

ATOC Marine Mammal Research Program (MMRP)

The Hawaii MMRP effort consists of scaled acoustic playback experiments to humpback whales off the west coast of the Big Island during the winter season (January-March). These experiments involve a playback vessel, a playback monitoring boat, a shore-station visual observation team, and a bottom mounted hydrophone array.

Planned schedule for the next two months are as follows:

January 15-20, 1996:

1. Field test and shakedown of J15-3 playback system.

January 20 - March 31, 1996:

1. Conduct acoustic playback experiments projecting ATOC m-sequence signal to humpback whales using J15-3 system from moored vessel using source levels as high as 175 dB re 1 micropascal.
2. Collect focal humpback pod behavioral observations under control and playback conditions.
3. Collect *in situ* empirical recordings of playback transmissions from around the source site to model sound propagation and estimate received levels at the locations of the whales. Recordings and CTD profiles are collected during daylight hours from a small vessel that is drifting with no engines operating.
4. Collect continuous acoustic recordings from 5-element hydrophone array during the period of approximately January 20 through March 4.

Endangered Species Act

FEBRUARY 8, 1996

Status Reviews of Listed Sea Turtles

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Department of the Interior (collectively, the Services), announce the availability of the status reviews of endangered and threatened sea turtles, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA). Based upon these reviews and any written comments received, the Services may consider changes in the listing status for the olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) sea turtle. The status review for the green (*Chelonia mydas*) sea turtle is currently under Service evaluation and is not available with this notice. Upon completion of their evaluation, the Services will make the green sea turtle status review available under separate notice in the Federal Register.

Requests for copies of the status reviews may be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Draft Policy for Conserving Endangered Species

The Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (Services) propose to issue a policy that will address the conservation needs of species listed, or proposed to be listed, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA) while providing for the continuation and enhancement of recreational fisheries. This proposed policy identifies measures the Services will take to ensure consistency in the administration of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended between and within the two agencies, promote collaboration with other Federal, State, and Tribal fisheries managers, and improve and increase efforts to inform nonfederal entities of the requirements of the ESA while enhancing recreational fisheries. This policy meets the requirements set forth in Section 4 of Executive Order 12962, Recreational Fisheries.

Comments on this proposed draft policy must be received on or before February 12, 1996 in order to be considered in the final decision on this proposed policy.

Comments and materials concerning this proposal should be sent to the Chief, Division of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 452, Arlington, Virginia 22203 (telephone 703/358-2171).

National Environmental Protection Act

Department of Energy Alternative Fuel Transportation Program

The Department of Energy (DOE) has prepared an environmental assessment to identify and evaluate the potential environmental impacts of a proposed rulemaking under the Alternative Fuel Transportation Program. This rulemaking fulfills DOE's statutory obligation, under the Energy Policy Act of 1992, to implement alternative fueled vehicle acquisition requirements that apply to certain alternative fuel providers and some State government fleets.

The EA analyzes the potential environmental consequences of this proposed action and its alternatives in accordance with the requirements of the National Environ-

mental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA, and DOE's NEPA Regulations.

If you have any comments on this document, please send them by February 12, 1996 to Mr. Kenneth R. Katz, U.S. Department of Energy, EE-33, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20585

Letters of Notice

FEBRUARY 8, 1996

HECO LINE THROUGH CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON WAAHILA RIDGE [See page 7 for a description of this EISPN]

Michael Leineweber of Manoa Valley writes from the viewpoint of those who may have to live with high-power transmission lines:

... Based on my continuing experience with Hawaiian Electric erecting power transmission lines and a transformer right in front of my front porch, I have no confidence that you have the knowledge, the ability, or the desire to mitigate the visual impacts of placing high voltage transmission lines through residential neighborhoods. Your demonstrated record of insensitivity and inconsideration of the feelings of residents of Manoa and other communities on Oahu gives me tremendous anxiety about your current proposal to place yet another high voltage line through Urban and Conservation districts in and around Manoa Valley.

Those of us who are long time residents of this valley are concerned about the visual blight that you have already inflicted on this beautiful place, and about the continuing pattern of behavior by Hawaiian Electric Company in placing high voltage power lines above ground in our neighborhoods and nature conservation areas. These are public spaces that you are negatively impacting with above ground industrial utility structures that destroy the natural beauty of Manoa Valley and the surrounding areas.

... The negative impact on once pristine views of our natural scenery is already evident in existing above ground utility transmission structures. By superimposing even more of these industrial power transmission structures on our views, the value of the view from our property is further decreased. Those with the economic ability can move out before this visual vandalism takes places. Those of us who remain in the valley must suffer a loss of value to our property.

In addition, the well known geotechnical instability of the Manoa valley slopes, and the continuing and well documented slippage of inappropriate foundations placed on these slopes, would argue against the wisdom of placing foundations for above ground high voltage transmission structures on sloping land designated for conservation, not industrial use.

Finally, the demonstrated unreliability of Hawaiian Electric Company in adverse weather situations would also argue that there should be a system wide effort by Hawaiian Electric Company to create a safer and more reliable grid by placing transmission lines underground. We see underground transmission in downtown Honolulu, and in new developments on Oahu.



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